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(54) **FIXATION DEVICE FOR DELIVERY OF BIOLOGIC MATERIAL BETWEEN SOFT TISSUE AND BONE**

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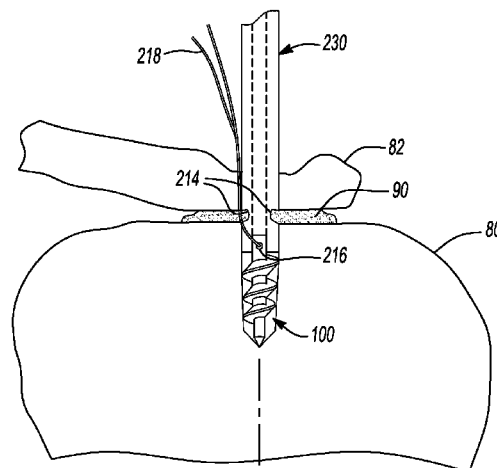
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A fixation device for delivery of biological material between soft tissue and bone. The fixation device includes an anchor having a first longitudinal bore and a first radial extending delivery bore and an insert having a second longitudinal bore and a second radial extending delivery bore. The first and second radial extending bores are aligned and positioned relative to a head of the anchor to deliver the biologic material between the soft tissue and the bone.

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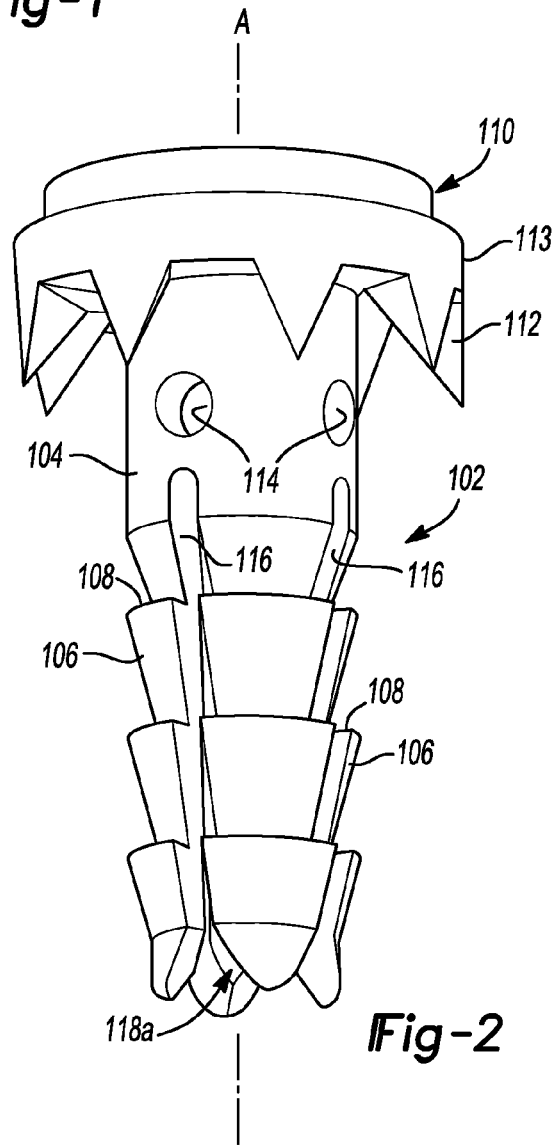
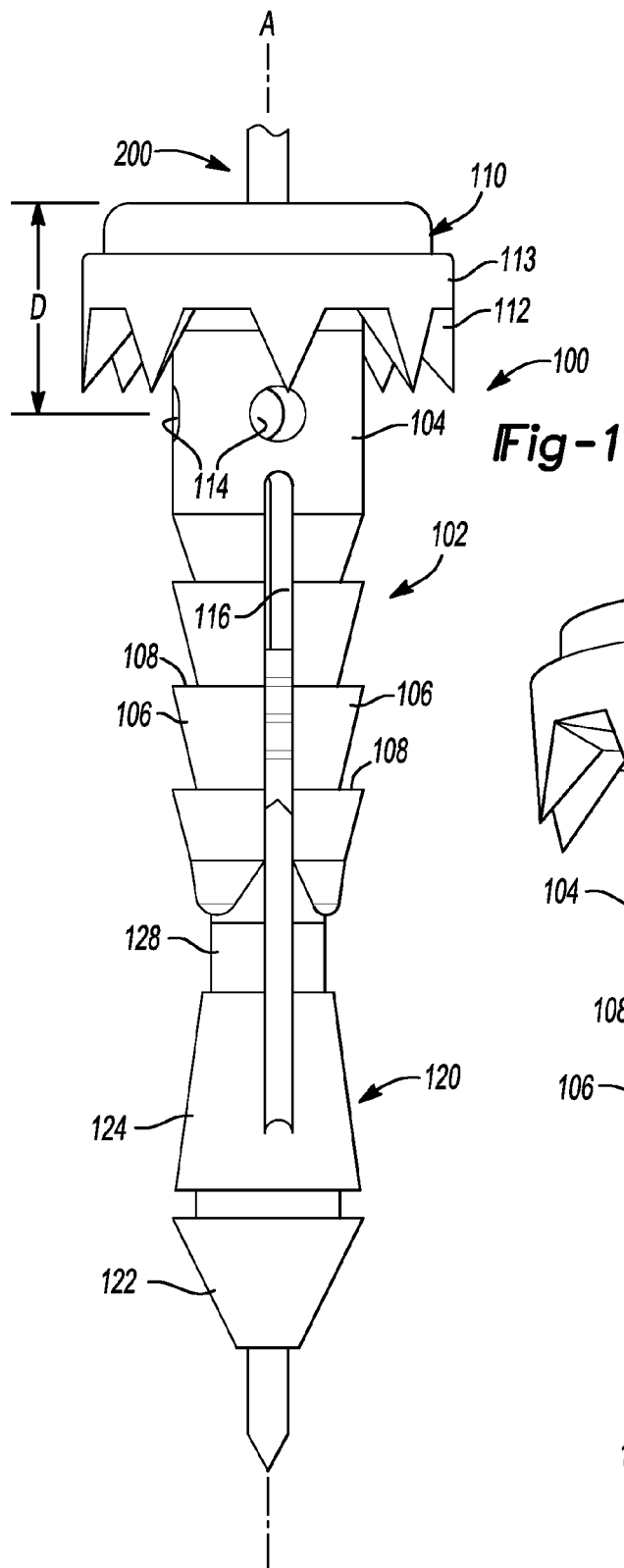
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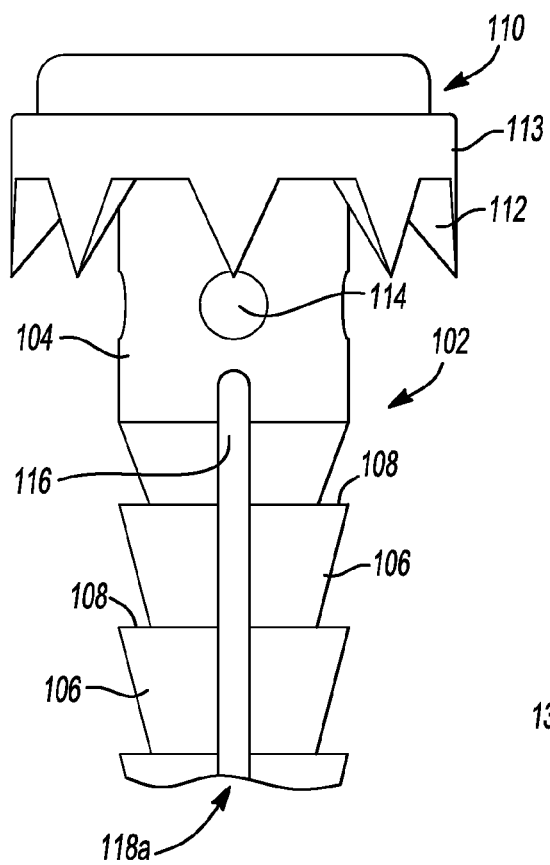


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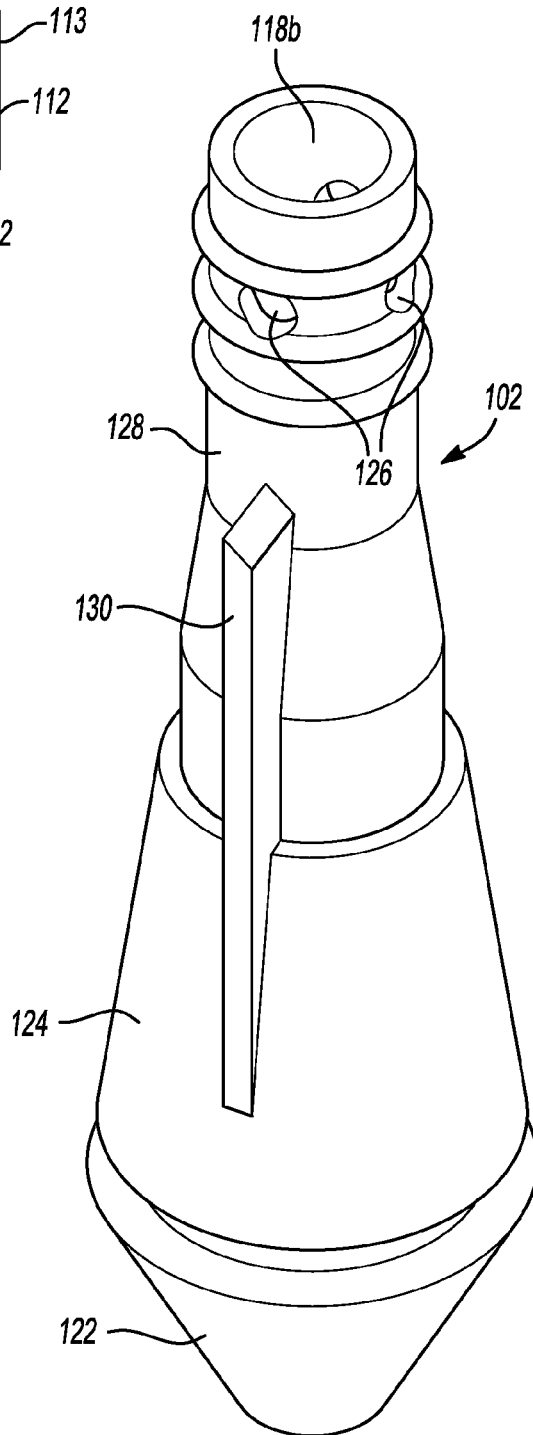


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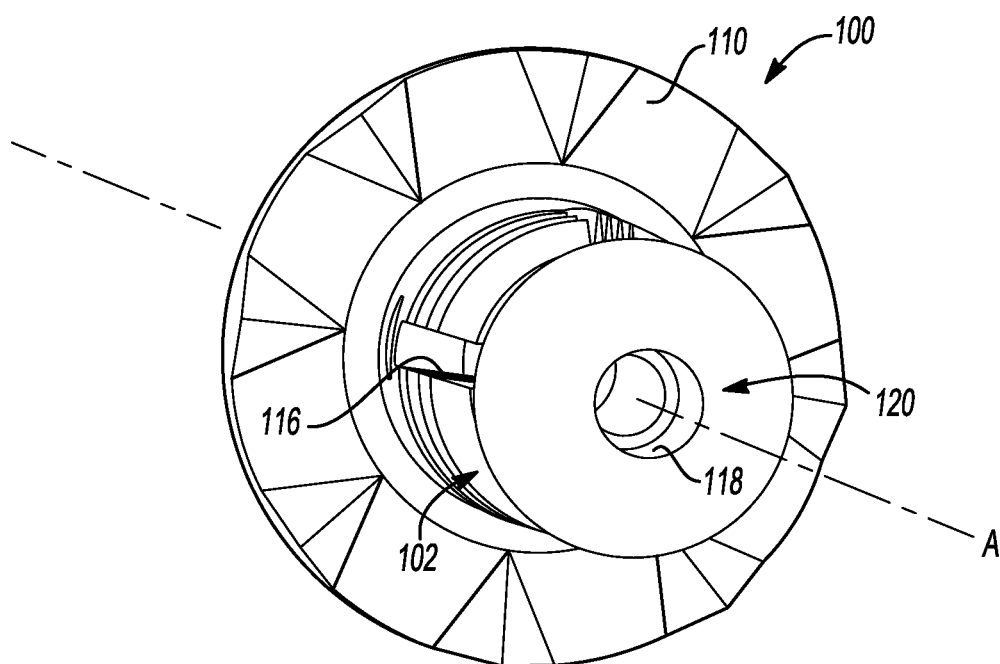


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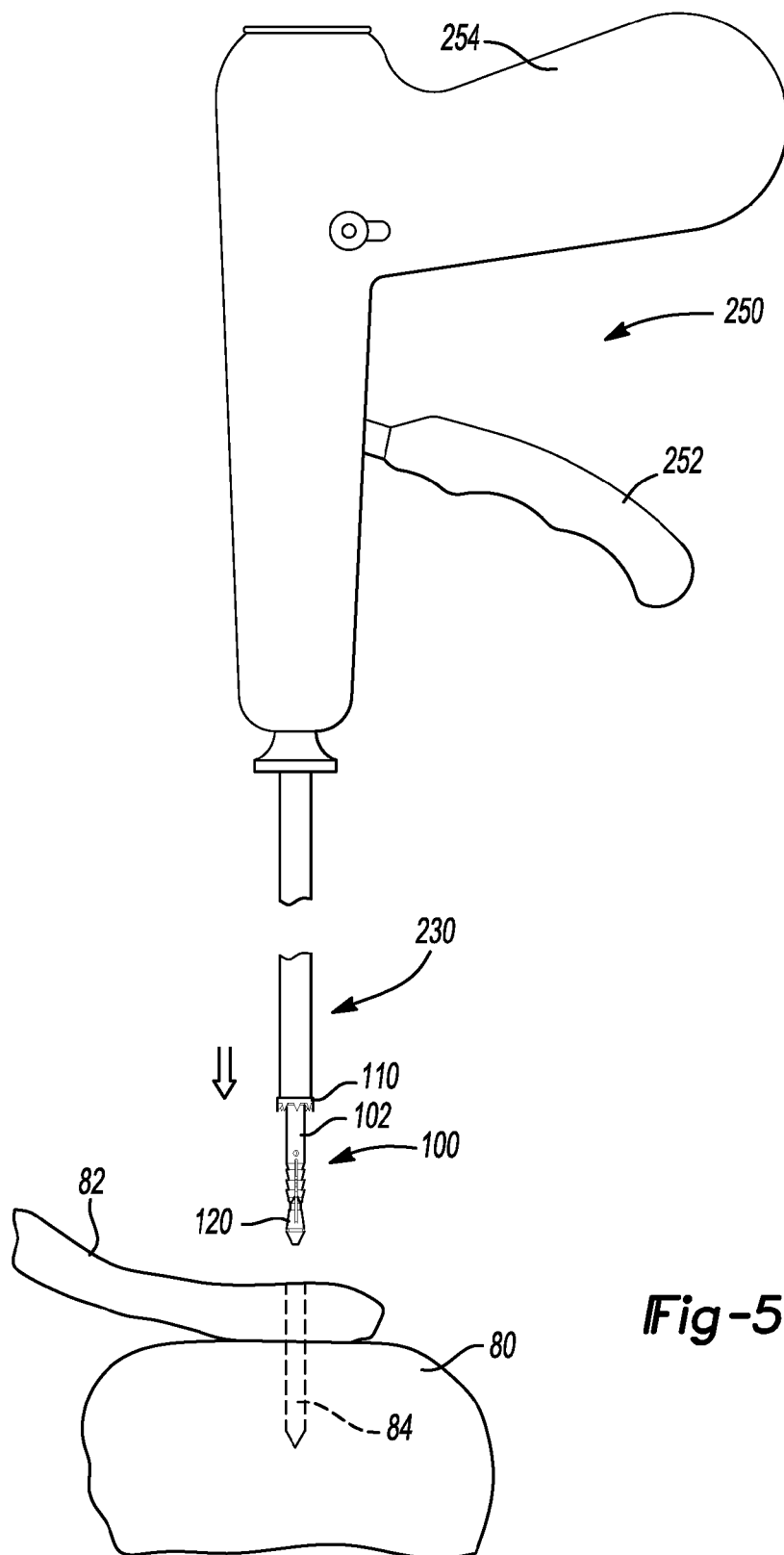


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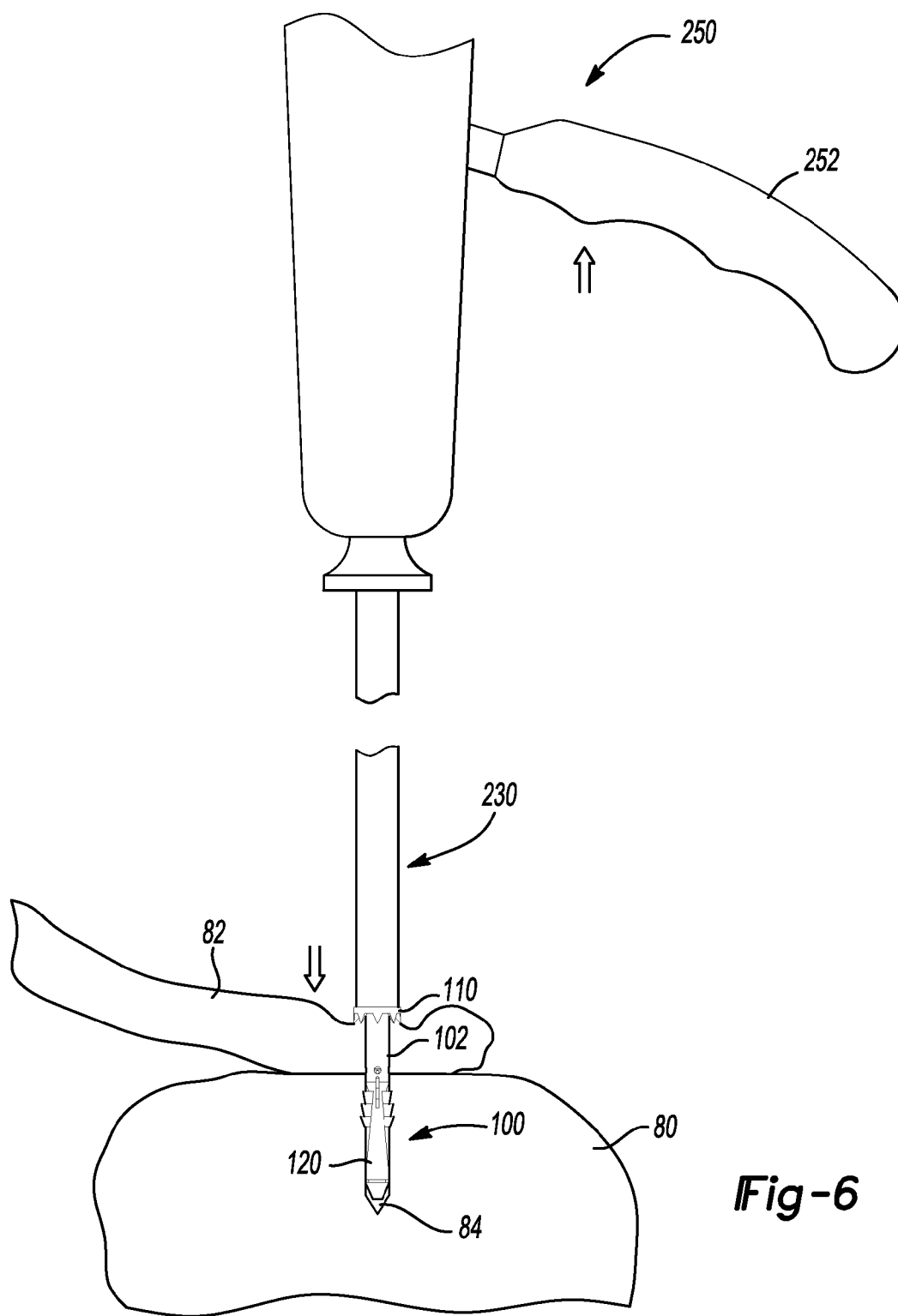
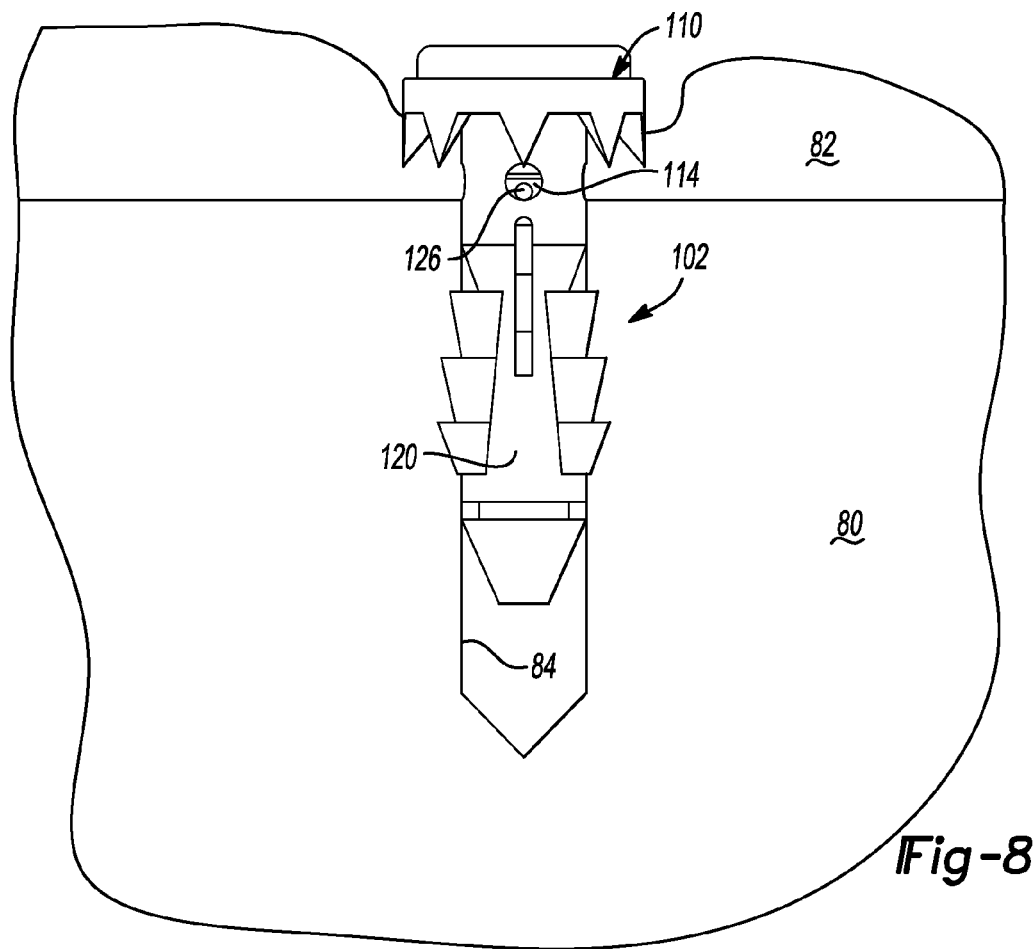
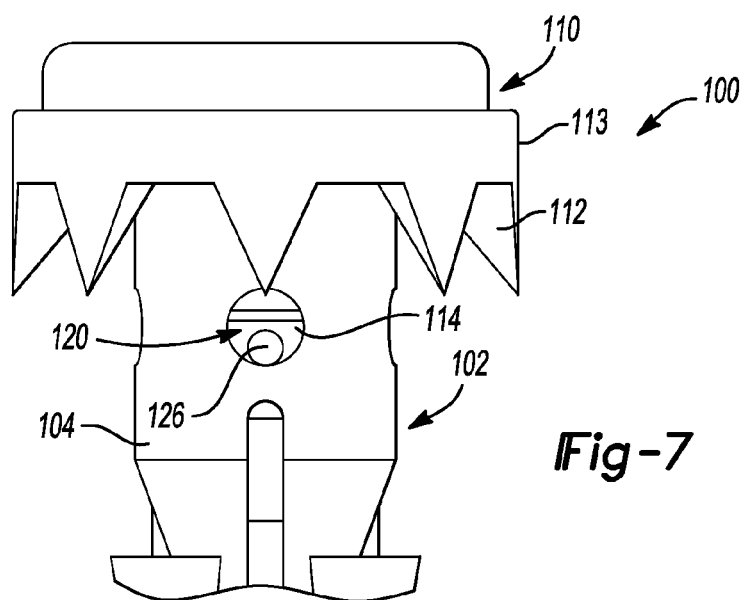


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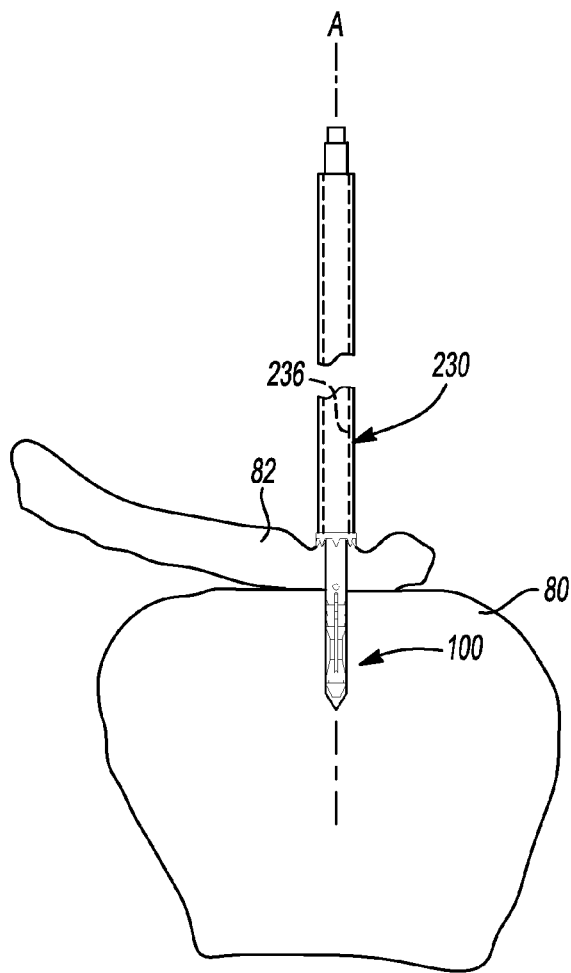


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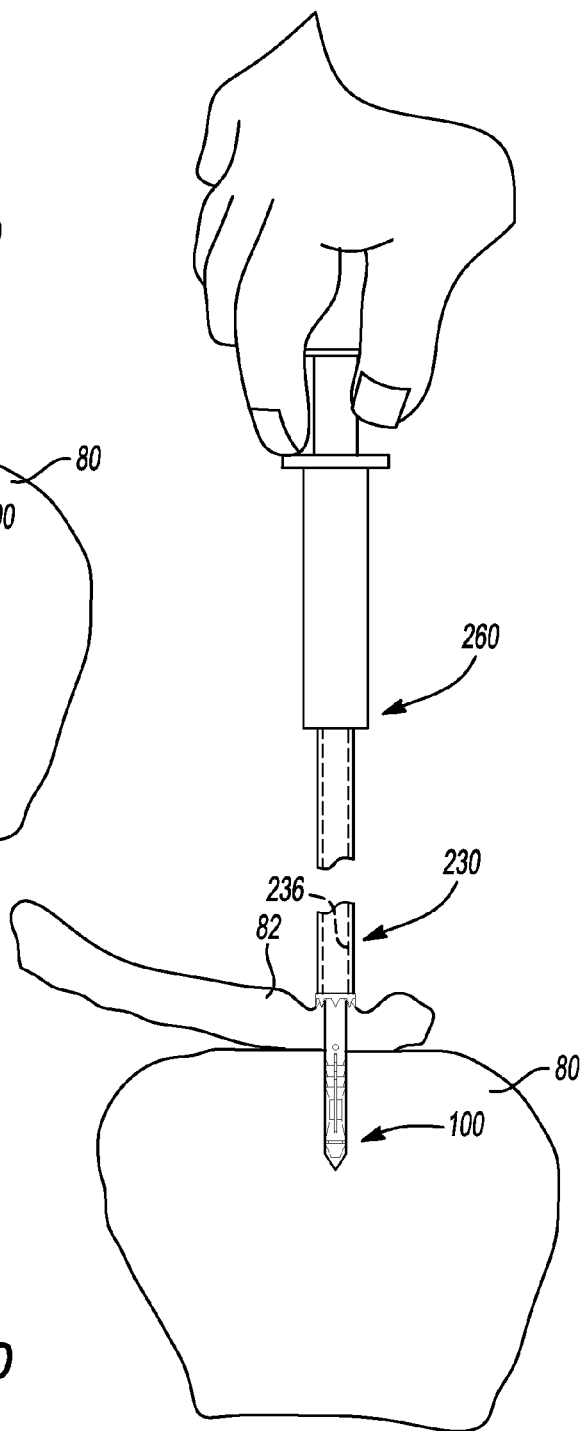


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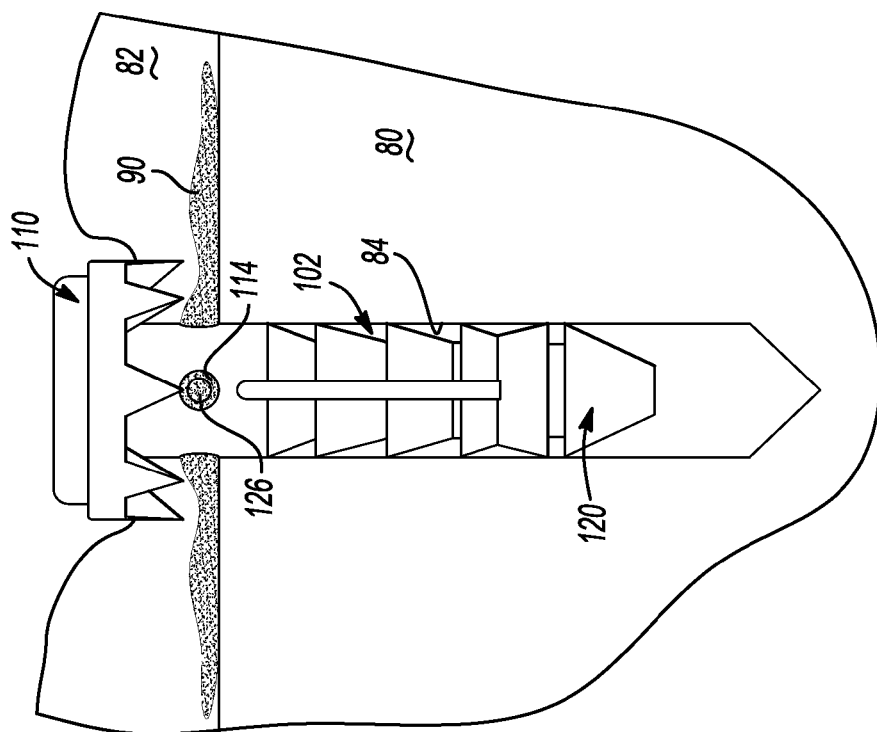


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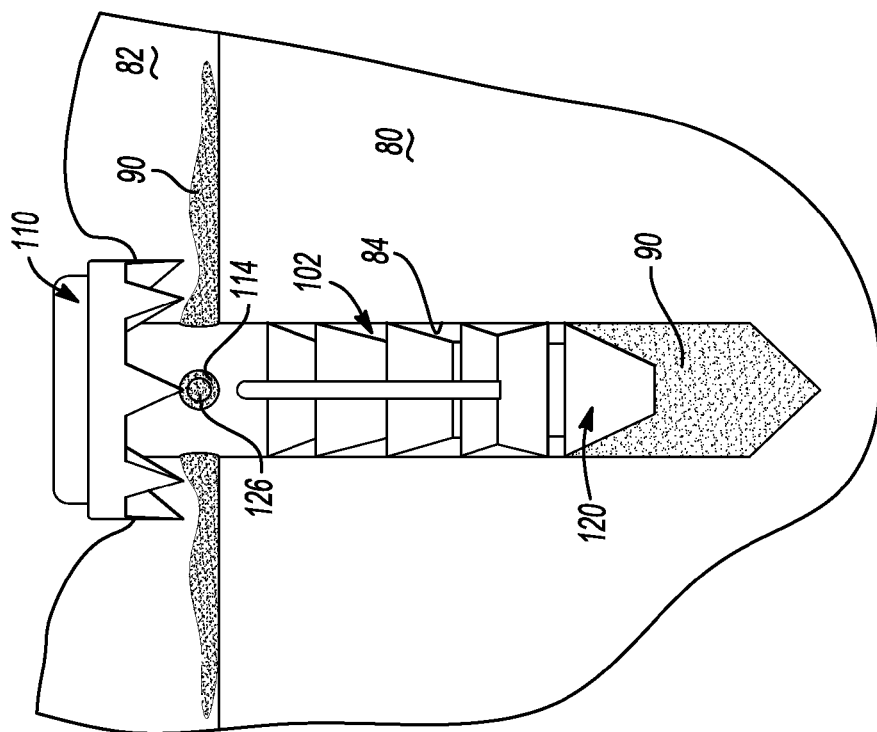


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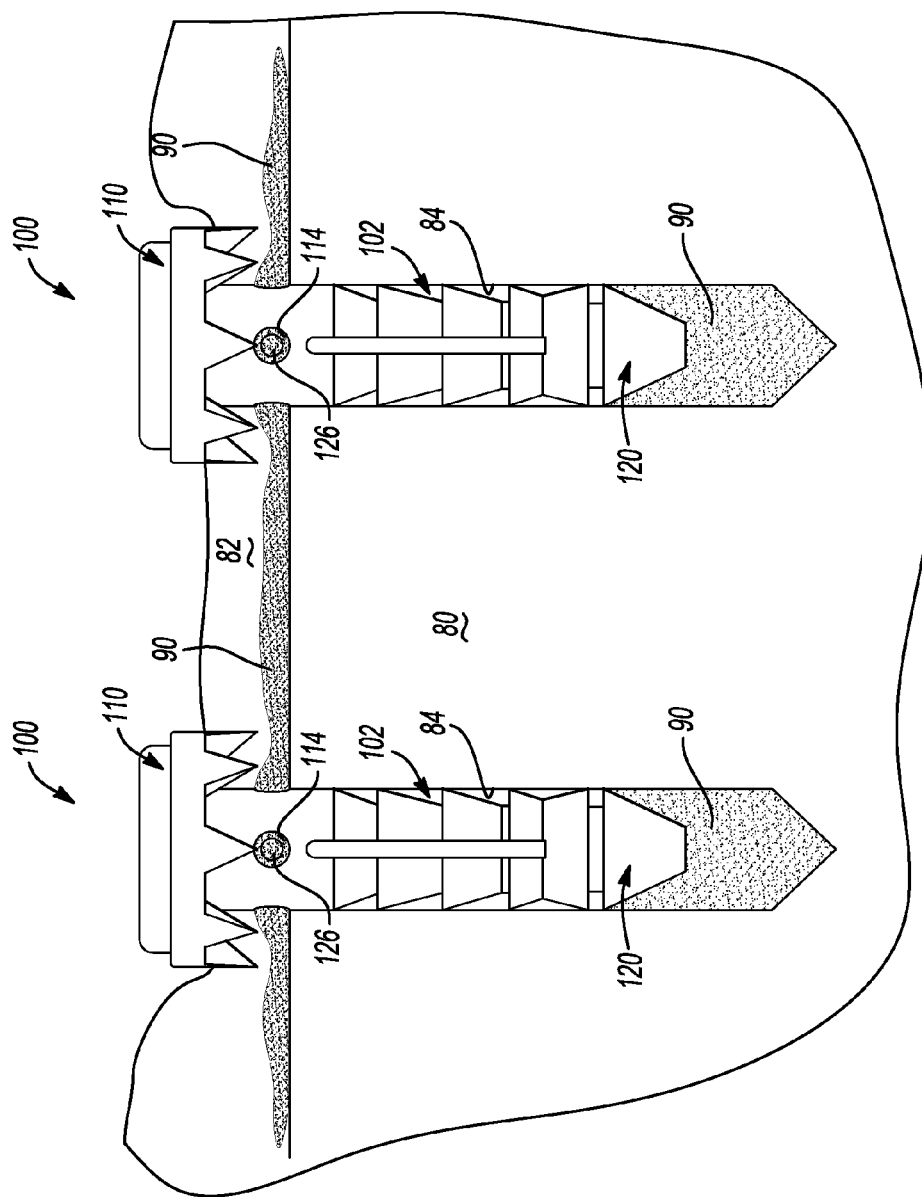


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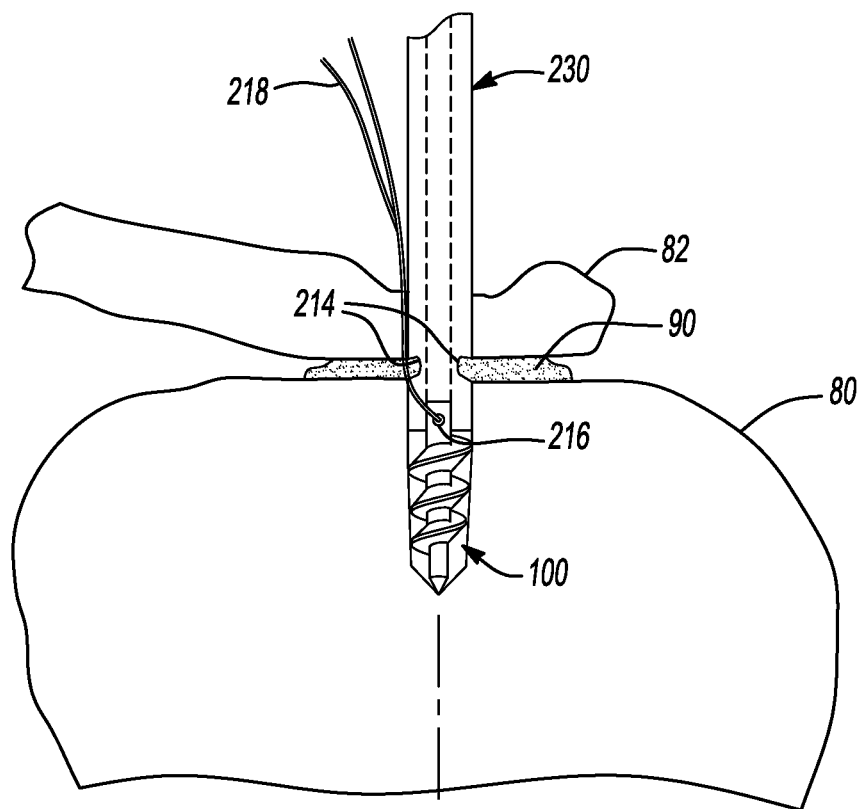


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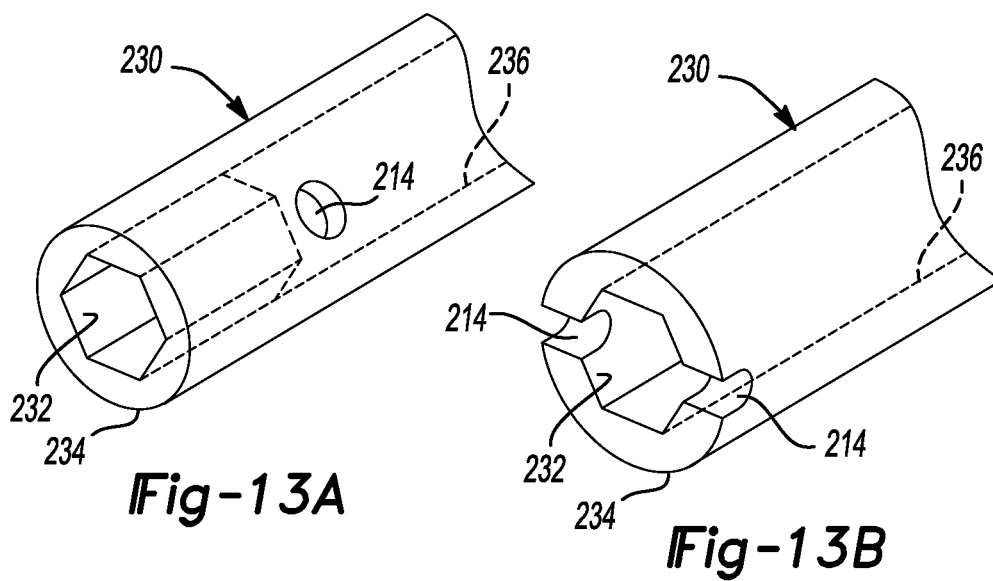


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FIXATION DEVICE FOR DELIVERY OF BIOLOGIC MATERIAL BETWEEN SOFT TISSUE AND BONE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/071,208 filed on Nov. 4, 2013, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 12/881,829 filed on Sep. 14, 2010, now U.S. Pat. No. 8,574,275 issued on Nov. 5, 2013, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 11/745,226 filed on May 7, 2007, now U.S. Pat. No. 7,794,484 issued on Sep. 14, 2010. The entire disclosures of the above applications are incorporated herein by reference.

INTRODUCTION

Various methods and devices for attaching soft tissue to a bone are known. Some methods use various suture anchors or expandable suture anchors, or rivets for knotless tying.

The present teachings provide fixation devices adapted for arthroscopic delivery of biologic material.

SUMMARY

The present teachings provide a fixation device deployable for attaching soft tissue to a bone. The fixation device includes a cannulated anchor and a cannulated insert engageable with the anchor. The anchor includes a soft-tissue engaging portion and a bone-anchoring portion. The bone-anchoring portion includes an expandable body having a proximal end and a distal end. The proximal end defines at least one radial delivery hole adjacent the soft-tissue engaging portion. The insert has a proximal end and a distal end and defines at least one radial delivery hole at the proximal end of the insert. The delivery holes of the anchor and insert are aligned and positioned such that biologic material can be delivered through the delivery holes and flow between the tissue and the bone when the fixation device is deployed.

The present teachings further provide a fixation device that includes an anchor and an insert engageable with the anchor and received in bone. The anchor and insert are movable between a non-deployed and a deployed position. The anchor has a first portion engaging soft tissue and an expandable second portion adjacent the first portion and received in bone below the soft tissue. The first portion has first and second ends, and the second portion has first and second ends. The second end of first portion is adjacent the first end of the second portion. The fixation device defines a plurality of radial delivery holes adjacent the first end of the second portion at an area between the soft tissue and the bone when the fixation device is in the deployed position, such that biologic material can be delivered through the delivery holes between the soft tissue and the bone.

The present teachings provide a fixation device deployable for attaching soft tissue to a bone and including a cannulated anchor and a cannulated insert. The anchor has a head engageable with the soft tissue and an expandable body receivable in the bone and defining at least one radial delivery hole at a proximal portion of the anchor under the head. The insert is movable relative to the anchor for expanding the expandable member. The insert defines at least one radial delivery hole. The delivery holes of the anchor and insert are aligned such that biologic material can

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be delivered through the delivery holes and flow between the tissue and the bone when the fixation device is deployed.

The present teachings provide an apparatus for attaching soft tissue to a bone and including a suture anchor having a first portion engageable with a suture and a second portion engageable with bone, and a cannulated shaft having a longitudinal bore, the shaft engageable with the first portion of the suture anchor. The shaft has at least one radial delivery aperture communicating with the longitudinal bore, the aperture located along the shaft at a position capable for delivering biologic material between the soft tissue and the bone when the shaft is engaged with the first portion of the anchor.

The present teachings provide a fixation device deployable for attaching soft tissue to a bone. The fixation device includes an anchor having a soft-tissue engaging portion and a bone-anchoring portion. The bone-anchoring portion includes a body having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the bone anchoring portion defining at least one radial delivery aperture defined adjacent the soft-tissue engaging portion and adapted for delivering biologic material through the anchor and between the soft tissue and the bone.

The present teachings also provide methods for attaching soft tissue to bone. In one aspect, the method includes forming a bore in a bone, placing the soft tissue adjacent to the bone and above the bore, at least partially inserting a fixation device into the bore, and delivering biologic material through the soft tissue at an interface area between the soft tissue and the bone.

In another aspect, the method includes forming a bore in a bone, placing a soft tissue adjacent to the bone and above the bore, holding the soft tissue against the bone with an enlarged head of a fixation device, inserting a bone-anchoring portion of the fixation device into the bore, and delivering biologic material through the soft tissue at an interface area between the soft tissue and the bone.

In another aspect, the method includes inserting a fixation device through the soft tissue into the bone, anchoring the soft tissue to the bone with the fixation device, and delivering biologic material at an interface area between the soft tissue and the bone.

Further areas of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the description provided hereinafter. It should be understood that the description and specific examples are intended for purposes of illustration only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The present invention will become more fully understood from the detailed description and the accompanying drawings, wherein:

FIG. 1 is a side view of a fixation device according to the present teachings, shown with a guide pin;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of an expandable member of the fixation device of FIG. 1;

FIG. 2A is a side view of the fixation device of FIG. 2;

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of an insert of the fixation device of FIG. 1

FIG. 4 is a bottom perspective view of the fixation device of FIG. 1;

FIG. 5 is an environmental view of the fixation device of FIG. 1, shown with an insertion system;

FIG. 6 is an environmental view of the fixation device of FIG. 1, shown seated in bone;

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FIG. 7 is an enlarged detail the fixation device of FIG. 1, shown after deployment in bone;

FIG. 8 is an environmental view of the fixation device of FIG. 1, shown after deployment in bone;

FIGS. 9 and 10 illustrate aspects of delivering biologic material through a fixation device according to the present teachings;

FIG. 11 is an environmental view of a fixation device according to the present teachings showing delivery of biologic material through the fixation device;

FIG. 11A is an environmental view of a fixation device according to the present teachings showing delivery of biologic material through the fixation device;

FIG. 12 is an environmental view of multiple fixation devices according to the present teachings showing delivery of biologic material through the fixation devices;

FIG. 13 is an environmental view of a fixation device according to the present teachings showing delivery of biologic material through the fixation device;

FIG. 13A is a detail of a delivery shaft that can be used with the fixation device of FIG. 13; and

FIG. 13B is a detail of a delivery shaft that can be used with the fixation device of FIG. 13.

DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS ASPECTS

The following description is merely exemplary in nature and is in no way intended to limit the invention, its application, or uses. For example, although the present teachings are illustrated in connection particular fixation devices used in arthroscopic surgery, the present teachings can be applied to other fixation devices. The present teachings can be applied, for example, to expandable fixation devices, such as the fixation device illustrated in FIG. 1, or the fixation devices disclosed in co-pending patent application Ser. No. 11/006,418, filed Dec. 7, 2004, ("Ref. A"), now U.S. Pat. No. 7,572,283, Ser. No. 11/006,398 filed Dec. 7, 2004 ("Ref. B"), and Ser. No. 11/451,250 filed Jun. 12, 2006 ("Ref. C"), now published as US 2006-0235413. The disclosures of these applications are incorporated herein by reference. Further, the present teachings can be applied to non-expandable fixation devices, such as, for example, suture anchors, as illustrated in FIG. 13, or other fixation devices.

Generally, the fixation devices can include any type of soft tissue fixation device, including for example, tacks, or suture anchors or expandable or deployable devices, cannulated rivets, screws or other anchors. The fixation device 100 can be used with an inserter or other cannulated or tubular shaft to deliver biologic material 90 at the interface between the soft tissue 82 and the bone 80 for various soft tissue repair procedures, as described below. The biologic material 90 can flow at the interface of the soft tissue 82 and bone 80 through cannulation and/or other apertures of the fixation device 100, as described below in connection with FIGS. 1-12, and/or through apertures of an inserter shaft that can be used to insert the fixation device and/or deliver the biologic material, as described in connection with FIGS. 13-13B.

It will be appreciated that depending on the particular fixation and delivery/inserter devices, the biologic material can be delivered after the fixation device is fully deployed or fully seated, or while the fixation device is partially seated or partially deployed. In other applications, deploying or seating the fixation device can cause delivery of the biologic material, or conversely, delivering the biologic material can cause seating or deployment of the fixation device.

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Referring to FIGS. 1-12, the present teachings provide an expandable fixation device 100, shown in FIG. 1 that can be arthroscopically implanted through soft tissue into bone. The fixation device 100 can be made of a resorbable material, such a resorbable copolymer, Lactosorb® or other biocompatible material. The fixation device 100 can be implanted into a prepared hole in the bone, for example, and used to reattach damaged soft tissue. The fixation device 100 can be used in various arthroscopic procedures, including, but not limited to, various shoulder repair procedures, such as, bankart procedures, SLAP lesion repairs, acromioclavicular separation repairs, capsular shift or capsulolabral reconstructions, biceps tenodesis, deltoid repairs, rotator cuff repairs, and others. The fixation device 100 can provide strong tissue fixation while eliminating knot tying and suture management problems.

The fixation device 100 can include various structural features that allow the delivery of biologic materials at the fixation site, as described below. The biologic materials can be selected, for example, for promoting the healing of soft tissue and/or bone during arthroscopic surgery, for improving and/or increasing the rate of fixation, or for other purposes. The biologic materials can include, for example, platelet-rich plasma, growth factors, bone/soft tissue glue, stem cells, pharmaceuticals, nutrients, or other biologic materials.

Referring to FIGS. 1-4, an exemplary fixation device 100 according to the present teachings can include a cannulated anchor 102 having a longitudinal bore 118a, and a cannulated insert 120 having a longitudinal bore 118b. The bores 118a, 118b of the anchor 102 and the insert 120 are coaxial and define a longitudinal bore 118 of the fixation device 100. The anchor 102 includes an expandable body 104. The expandable body 104 can include expanding members 106 defined by longitudinal slots 116. The expanding members 106 can include ridges, barbs, or other bone-anchoring formations 108 that can engage bone when the expandable body 104 is in an expanded configuration, as discussed below. The anchor 102 can also include a washer-like head 110 with a distal portion 113 defining teeth, spikes, barbs, serrations or other anchoring protrusions 112. A guide pin 200 can pass through the longitudinal bore 118 of the fixation device 100 for guiding the insertion of the fixation device 100 and facilitating deployment of the expandable members 106, as discussed below and in more detail in Ref. A.

The insert 120 can be bullet-shaped portion and have distal portion 122 that tapers distally, an intermediate portion 124 that tapers proximally, and a proximal portion 128. The insert 120 can include a pair of opposing and distally tapering flanges 130 that can engage an insertion instrument, as described in Ref. A. The proximal portion 128 can include a grip portion 132 with circumferential protrusions or other grip elements for firmly engaging the insert 120 into the bore 128a of the anchor 102 in the deployed configuration. These and other features of the anchor 102 and insert 120 as well as alternative features can be found in Refs. A-C.

Referring to FIGS. 5 and 6, an exemplary method of using the fixation device 100 to attach soft tissue 82 to a bone 80 is illustrated. A deployment instrument 250 can be used to insert the fixation device 100 to a bone bore 84 drilled in the bone 80. The deployment instrument 250 can be in the form of a gun that includes a handle 250, a tubular shaft 230 having a longitudinal bore 236 and a trigger 252 that can be used for actuating movement of the guide pin 200. The tubular shaft 230 can pass over the guide pin 200 and engage the head 110 of the anchor 102. The anchor 102 can be

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pushed down the bone bore **84** to a desired depth. While applying downward pressure on the head **110** of the anchor **102** with the tubular shaft **230** toward the bone **80**, the trigger **252** can be pulled upward away from the bone **80** pulling the guide pin **200**. The guide pin **200** can exert a proximal force on the insert **120** to pull the intermediate portion **124** of the insert **120** into the body **102**, urging the expanding members **106** outward and deploying the fixation device **100** in engagement with bone **80**, as shown in FIGS. **8** and **9**. Various other actuating arrangements for deploying the fixation device **100** can be used as described in the pending patent applications referenced above and incorporated herein by reference.

Referring to FIGS. **1**, **3**, **7**, and **8**, the fixation device **100** can include radial openings for delivering biologic material at the interface between the soft tissue **82** and the bone **80**. In particular, radial delivery holes or other radial delivery apertures **114** can be formed around the circumference and through the body **104** of the anchor **102** at a distance “D” from the proximal surface of the head **110**. The distance D is determined such that the delivery holes **114** are substantially at the level of the interface between the soft tissue **82** and the bone **80** when the fixation device is employed, as shown in FIG. **8**. The delivery holes **114** can be aligned with and located proximally relative to the slots **116** of the expandable body **102**. The insert **120** can also include openings **126**, which can be aligned with the delivery holes **114** when the fixation device **100** is fully seated and deployed in engagement with the walls of the bone bore **84**.

Referring to FIGS. **9-12**, after the fixation device **100** is fully seated and deployed in engagement with the bone **80**, the deployment instrument **250** together with the guide pin **200** can be decoupled from the tubular shaft **230** and removed leaving the tubular shaft **230** in engagement with the fixation device **100**. Alternatively, the tubular shaft **230** can also be removed and replaced with a cannula that is positioned in communication with the longitudinal bore **118** along axis A of the fixation device **100**. A syringe or other biologic delivery device **260** can be connected with the shaft **230** and used for delivering biologic material **90** through the longitudinal bore **236** of the tubular shaft **230** and the longitudinal bore **118** of the fixation device **100**, as shown in FIG. **11**. The biologic material can exit the aligned radial delivery holes **114**, **126** of the anchor **102** and insert **120** and flow at the interface of the soft tissue **82** and bone **80**. Optionally, biologic material **90** can also flow through the longitudinal bore **118** of fixation device **100** and fill the bone void at the bottom of the bone bore **84** in the bone **80**, as also illustrated in FIG. **11**, or not, as illustrated in FIG. **11A**. It will be appreciated that more than one fixation devices **100** can be used for securing the soft tissue **82** to the bone **80**, as illustrated in FIG. **12**, in which two fixation devices are shown.

It will be appreciated that the relative location of the delivery holes **114** of the body **104** and/or the delivery holes **126** of the insert **120** can be adjusted such that biologic material **90** can be delivered while the fixation device **100** is partially seated or partially deployed. In other aspects, seating or deploying the fixation device **100** can cause the delivery of biologic material **90**, or delivering biologic material **90** can cause the fixation device **100** to be seated or deployed.

As discussed above, the present teachings are not limited to expandable fixation devices. Referring to FIGS. **13-13B**, the present teachings are illustrated in connection with a fixation device **100** in the form of a threaded suture anchor that includes an eyelet **216** through which suturing or other

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flexible strands **218** can pass. The strands **218** can be attached to the soft tissue **82**, thereby coupling the fixation device **100** to the soft tissue **82**. A tubular shaft **230** can be used for inserting the fixation device **100** and for delivering the biologic material **90**. The tubular shaft **230** can include one or more radial apertures **214** located along the shaft **230** and communicating with the longitudinal bore **236** of the tubular shaft **230** such that biologic material **90** can be delivered to the interface between the soft tissue **82** and the bone **80**, while the fixation device **100** is partially or fully seated.

Referring to FIGS. **13A** and **13B**, the tubular shaft **230** can include an engagement surface **232**, such as a hex surface, for engaging the proximal end of the fixation device **100** with an inserter or driver or other tubular delivery shaft **230**. The radially located apertures **214** can be radial holes located off the distal end **234** of the tubular shaft **230**, as shown in FIG. **13A**, or slots located at the distal end **234** of the tubular shaft **230**. The configuration of FIG. **13A** can allow the delivery of biologic material **90** at the interface between the soft tissue **82** and the bone **80** before or after the fixation device **100** is fully seated, depending on the location of the radial apertures **214**. The configuration of FIG. **13B** can allow the delivery of biologic material **90** at the interface between the soft tissue **82** and the bone **80** before the fixation device **100** is fully seated.

As described above, the present teachings provide fixation devices **100** that can be used for delivering biologic material **90** at the interface of soft tissue **82** and bone **80**. The fixation devices **100** can be, for example, rivets, expandable anchors, suture anchors, screws, or other devices that can be axially inserted in a pre-drilled bore in the bone **80** or threadably inserted directly into the bone **80**. Biologic material **90** can be delivered at the interface of the soft tissue **80** and the bone **80** while the fixation device **100** is deployed, or when it is fully deployed or fully seated, or when it is partially deployed or partially seated. The biologic material **90** can be delivered through radial delivery apertures **114** of the fixation device **100** and/or through radial delivery apertures **214** of a cannulated insert **120** or an inserter or other tubular delivery shaft **230** that can be used for deploying, inserting or engaging the fixation device **100**.

The foregoing discussion discloses and describes merely exemplary arrangements of the present invention. One skilled in the art will readily recognize from such discussion, and from the accompanying drawings and claims, that various changes, modifications and variations can be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A delivery device system for attaching soft tissue to bone, comprising:

A fixation device;

a tubular shaft having a radial passage and a longitudinal bore in communication with the radial passage; and

a coupling member for coupling the fixation device to the tubular shaft, wherein the radial passage is located in the tubular shaft to enable delivery of biologic material to an interface between the soft tissue and an outer surface of the bone when the fixation device is coupled to the tubular shaft and inserted into the bone.

2. The delivery device system of claim 1, wherein the coupling member is integrally formed with the tubular shaft and the coupling member forms a distal end of the tubular shaft.

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3. The delivery device system of claim 1, wherein the radial passage includes a radial hole spaced apart from the distal end of the tubular shaft.

4. The delivery device system of claim 3, wherein the radial passage is proximal to the coupling member.

5. The delivery device system of claim 1, wherein the radial passage includes a radial slot located at the distal end of the tubular shaft.

6. The delivery device system of claim 5, wherein the radial passage extends through the coupling member.

7. The delivery device system of claim 1, wherein the coupling member has a non-circular engagement surface configured to engage the fixation device.

8. The delivery device system of claim 1, further comprising the fixation device, wherein the fixation device is a suture anchor including threads and defining an eyelet for receiving a suture.

9. The delivery device system of claim 1, wherein the radial passage includes a pair of opposed radial passages in communication with the longitudinal bore.

10. A delivery device system for attaching soft tissue to bone, comprising:

a fixation device configured to be fixed to the bone; and an inserter having,

a shaft defining a longitudinal bore extending along a longitudinal axis of the shaft, the shaft defining at least one radial aperture in communication with the longitudinal bore, and

an engagement surface configured to engage the fixation device, wherein upon engaging the fixation device with the engagement surface, the inserter can position the fixation device in the bone such that the radial aperture is in communication with the bone and soft tissue for delivery of biologic material.

11. The delivery device system of claim 10, wherein the fixation device is a suture anchor defining an eyelet for receiving a suture for use in securing the soft tissue relative to the bone.

12. The delivery device system of claim 11, wherein the suture anchor includes threads and the engagement surface is configured to engage a proximal portion of the suture anchor to drive the threaded suture anchor into the bone.

13. The delivery device system of claim 10, wherein the engagement surface is configured to provide a rotational force on the fixation device.

14. The delivery device system of claim 10, wherein the at least one radial aperture includes a pair of opposed radial apertures in communication with the longitudinal bore.

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15. The delivery device system of claim 14, wherein the pair of opposed radial apertures includes a pair of opposed radial holes spaced apart from a distal end of the inserter.

16. The delivery device system of claim 14, wherein the pair of opposed radial apertures includes a pair of opposed radial slots located at a distal end of the inserter.

17. The delivery device system of claim 14, wherein the pair of opposed radial apertures are located along the shaft to enable delivery of the biologic material to an interface between the soft tissue and an outer surface of the bone when the fixation device is inserted into the bone and coupled to the inserter.

18. A delivery device system for attaching soft tissue to bone, comprising:

a suture anchor having a threaded body and defining an eyelet configured to receive a suture; and

an inserter having,

a tubular shaft defining a bore extending along at least a portion of a length of the tubular shaft and defining a pair of opposed radial apertures in communication with the bore and positioned at a distal end of the tubular shaft, and

an engagement surface at the distal end of the tubular shaft configured to engage and drive the suture anchor into the bone, wherein the pair of opposed radial passages are positioned along the tubular shaft to enable delivery of biologic material to an interface between the soft tissue and an outer surface of the bone when the fixation device and the tubular shaft are coupled and the fixation device is inserted into the bone.

19. The delivery device system of claim 18, wherein the pair of opposed radial apertures includes a pair of opposed radial holes spaced apart from the distal end of the tubular shaft and proximal the engagement surface, wherein the positioning of the pair of opposed radial holes can allow delivery of the biologic material at the interface between the soft tissue and the outer surface of the bone after the suture anchor is fully seated within the bone.

20. The delivery device system of claim 18, wherein the pair of opposed radial apertures includes a pair of opposed radial slots located at the distal end of the tubular shaft, wherein the positioning of the pair of opposed radial slots can allow the delivery of the biologic material at the interface between the soft tissue and the outer surface of the bone before the suture anchor is fully seated within the bone.

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